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Welcome to the August edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." The E-newsletter provides evaluation information to states on a regular basis using technology to promote information exchange and enhance capacity to access the research and evaluation community.

NATIONAL AND STATE EVALUATION NEWS**POLICE RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

David Hirschel, Eve Buzawa, April Pattavina, Don Faggiani and Melissa Reuland recently completed a study entitled, *Explaining the Prevalence, Context, and Consequences of Dual Arrest in Intimate Partner Cases*. The study analyzes arrest data in states with mandatory and preferred arrest laws and states with discretionary laws to examine police response to intimate partner violence and dual arrest.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/218355.pdf>.

SCHOOL-BASED MENTORING

Making a Difference in Schools: The Big Brothers Big Sisters School-based Mentoring Impact Study, was recently published by Public/Private Ventures. This study presents data from a national impact evaluation of ten Big Brothers Big Sisters programs.

http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/220_publication.pdf.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DRUG ABUSE STUDIES (CJ-DATS)

The September 2007 edition of *Criminal Justice and Behavior* contains several articles on National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)-funded Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment (CJ-DATS) discussing issues such as treatment motivation and engagement and gender differences in treatment. The journal is available through Sage Publications.

<http://cjb.sagepub.com/>.

For more information on CJ-DATS visit their web site at:

<http://www.cjdats.org/ka/index.cfm>.

Useful resources for planning and implementing program evaluations and for developing program performance measures are available at:

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation Web Site
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES & TRAININGS**JRSA 2007 NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

The JRSA 2007 National Conference, *Justice Research and Statistics: From Knowledge to Practice*, will be held October 11-12, 2007 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Visit the conference web site for more information including conference registration and the preliminary agenda.

<http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>.

THE AMERICAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION (AEA)

The AEA will hold its annual conference November 7-10, 2007 in Baltimore, Maryland. *Evaluation 2007: Evaluation and Learning* will also feature professional development workshops.

<http://www.eval.org/eval2007/>.

THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC)

The Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVCTTAC) will conduct a special training workshop on program evaluation in Birmingham, Alabama, December 4-5, 2007. Visit their web site to register for the training.

<http://www.sei2003.com/ovcttac/evaluation.htm>.

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The BJA Center for Program Evaluation

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/e-news.htm>.

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